



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media statement

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### **Allora and Clifton organisations secure funding under Federal Government's Volunteer Grants program**

VOLUNTEERING in Allora and Clifton has been made easier thanks to \$5171 in Federal Government funding announced today by Maranoa MP David Littleproud.

"Allora Community Circle and the Clifton Landcare Group were successful in securing funding – under the Volunteer Grants program – and I congratulate these groups for their commitment to our community," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Allora Community Circle will receive \$3171 to fund volunteer training and to update equipment and the Clifton Landcare Group secured \$2000 to purchase power tools.

"Under this government's Volunteer Grants program, a total of \$232,523 in funds was distributed to 59 community organisations across my electorate."

Next week, from May 8, marks National Volunteer Week where we acknowledge the important work of our volunteers and their organisations in building stronger communities.

"In Maranoa, we're very community-minded. We've a proud history of lending a hand with many of us volunteering in services like church-based groups, local sporting and youth clubs, emergency services – and everything in-between – to overcome challenges and bring people together," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Volunteer Grants program offers a great opportunity for community organisations to apply for funding – between \$1000 and \$5000 – to help make the work of their volunteers easier and safer.

"Community organisation can access this funding to help with costs incurred by volunteers – like the cost of fuel to take seniors to see a doctor, first aid training or background security checks. Funding can also be used to purchase much-needed equipment, such as computers or printers so they can keep pace with technology.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our community and this is a great initiative, where local organisations can apply for grants to help support their volunteers who give their time to help others and encourage the inclusion of vulnerable people in community life."

For more information, check out: [www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants](http://www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants)

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Name	LGA	Funding	Items
Clifton Landcare Group Inc	Toowoomba	\$2,000	Tools / power tools / construction tools
Allora Community Circle Inc.	Southern Downs	\$3,171	Contribution to the reimbursement of volunteers' training costs, First aid and safety, Outdoor furniture and equipment

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